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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as indicated in the Listing of Claims below. This Listing of Claims shall replace any previous listing of claims. No new matter has been added.

Listing of Claims

1-9. (cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) A sensor-container combination comprising:

a container including a container body and a lid; and

a plurality of sensors stored in the container,

wherein the container body includes a bottom part, and the bottom part only is

one of transparent and semi-transparent, [[and]]

the sensors include an oxidation-reduction enzyme, a mediator that mediates transfer of electrons caused by oxidation or reduction, and a detection means that detects a reaction of the oxidation or reduction, and

the mediator is a lightfast transitional metal complex, the lightfast transitional metal complex is a ruthenium complex.

11. (Previously Presented) The sensor-container combination according to claim 10, wherein the container has a scale for determining the number of the sensors in the container.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Previously Presented) The sensor-container combination according to claim 10, wherein the sensors have lightfastness.

14-15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) The sensor-container combination according to claim [[14]] 10, wherein the detection means that detects a reaction of the oxidation or reduction is

electrodes that detect current produced by oxidation or reduction of the mediator, and the sensors are electrode sensors.

17. (Currently Amended) The sensor-container combination according to claim [[14]] 10, wherein the detection means that detects a reaction of the oxidation or reduction is a substrate of the oxidation-reduction enzyme that colors through oxidation or reduction, and the sensors are colorimetric sensors.

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Previously Presented) The sensor-container combination according to claim 10, wherein the container body has a circular opening,
the lid has a circular projection, and
the circular projection of the lid is capable of fitting into the circular opening of the container body.

20. (Previously Presented) The sensor-container combination according to claim 10, wherein the container body and the lid are connected to each other with a hinge.

21. (Previously Presented) The sensor-container combination according to claim 10, wherein a color of the bottom part is selected from the group consisting of black, gray, brown, blue, green, red, yellow, and white.

22. (Previously Presented) A sensor-container combination comprising:
a container that includes a container body and a lid and that is one of at least partly transparent and semi-transparent; and
a plurality of sensors stored in the container,
wherein the sensors include an oxidation-reduction enzyme, a lightfast transition metal complex that mediates the transfer of electrons caused by oxidation or reduction, and a detection means that detects the oxidation-reduction reaction, and
the lightfast transition metal complex is a ruthenium complex.

23. (New) The sensor-container combination according to claim 10, wherein a ligand of the transition metal complex is a nitrogen-containing ligand.

24. (New) The sensor-container combination according to claim 10, wherein a ligand of the transition metal complex contains NH_3 .

25. (New) The sensor-container combination according to claim 10, wherein the transition metal complex is $[\text{Ru}(\text{NH}_3)_6]$.

26. (New) The sensor-container combination according to claim 22, wherein a ligand of the transition metal complex is a nitrogen-containing ligand.

27. (New) The sensor-container combination according to claim 22, wherein a ligand of the transition metal complex contains NH_3 .

28. (New) The sensor-container combination according to claim 22, wherein the transition metal complex is $[\text{Ru}(\text{NH}_3)_6]$.